

# CHINA'S CHILDREN

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"Whoso loves a child loves not himself but God, whoso delights a child labors with God in His workshop of the world of hearts; whoso helps a child brings the kingdom of God; whoso saves a child from the fingers of evil sits in the seat with the builders of cities and the procurers of peace."—Norman Duncan.

## LATEST NEWS ABOUT THE CHINA FAMINE—"WORST YET"

The New York World, April 10th: "The Chinese Province of Shantung is suffering the worst famine the country has ever known, according to the descriptions of the situation there, which reached the Federal Council of Churches yesterday here.

"They are eating the bark of trees, and children for sale at less than a dollar a head," writes the Rev. W. T. Hobart, a missionary."

New York Herald, April 10th: "Children Traded for Food as Famine Grips Shantung Province. Dead Littering Streets, letter tells Church Council here.

"A letter from Dr. T. C. Li, physician in Shantung, to Percy O. Hanson, states that the famine is the worst ever known. This is substantiated by the Rev. Dr. W. T. Hobart, a missionary of North China, who says the hunger-crazed people are existing on the bark of trees."

An editorial in New York Times, April 11th: "Last week the mission boards received word that nine-tenths of the population of the famine area are reported to be eating unwholesome food substitutes and that 4,000,000 face starvation during the next two months."

Such a tragedy of millions starving as in China to-day is seldom seen in this world.

Reports from the missionaries and relief workers in the famine area have been coming to our Association for months appealing for help confirming the above facts as given by the New York papers. As early as Jan. 19th these workers sent us a report about a small section of Shantung famine area. Note what they say: "No such conditions have been known for the last twenty years. Thousands compelled to leave home, starving and ill clad. We appeal for \$100,000 to help." This refers to only three

counties, yet 70 counties in that one province are badly affected not to mention Chihli Province and northern Honan.

Signed by

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L. M. Anglin, Child Welfare worker,  
W. T. Hobart, Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Bishop Scott, Church of England.

**THE CHINA FAMINE COMMITTEE IS  
PUTTING ON A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE  
\$10,000,000 TO HELP MEET THE UN-  
PRECEDENTED DISTRESS OF MILLIONS  
STARVING.**



*Just rescued from famine in Shantung. Entered  
Home of Onesiphorus, L. M. Anglin, Supt.*

This Committee has been organized in New York City, Dr. William R. Johnson, executive secretary, John Earl Baker, campaign manager with a splendid group to help in the conduct of the campaign. The

friends of China have anxiously waited for such a campaign to get underway. This distress of over four million starving demands that our people everywhere act promptly and manifest our deep concern for the Chinese people. Ten million dollars and more needed if these starving ones are given relief. Conditions will grow worse until the wheat harvest. This general Relief Committee is helping every way they can.

*Our Association for the Welfare of the Children of China is helping in a special way to save the starving homeless children and train them for lives of usefulness in China.*

We are leaving the general relief to the above committee and others. The work is in no way duplicated, but is supplementary as also in the case of mission boards. The distress is so immense and appalling all efforts combined and made mutually helpful are needed to meet the great task.

Most mission boards are heavily in debt. They should not be asked to bear this extra burden. General Relief committees handle emergency needs, but



*These girls walked eighty miles coming to one of our homes, begged to be saved from death or a life worse than death.*

in times of famine and especially during this time of general chaos when China is passing through a great upheaval, many children are left homeless and to drift. Their parents may die or the father goes away to seek food and never returns. The old home is forever gone. The children are left helpless.

Dr. Robert E. Speer recently returned from a long trip in China and this is what he said: "With the breakdown of the family and the disintegration of Confucianism the social and intellectual problems are many times increased.

"The cement of Confucianism, that has bound China together, is dissolved and it is tragic to see how much is trampled under foot." This was true when Dr. Speer was in China and much worse since the famine came.

Our Association has been formed to save as many of these children from starving as possible and provide homes for them where they will be sheltered, fed, clothed and taught a trade—made self-supporting, useful citizens of China. Twenty-five of these homes have already been organized in China, five of

the number are located in the two famine provinces, and many of the others can be used for relief work. They are conducted by missionaries of the various Christian groups and dependable Chinese leaders.

## **COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION FORMED IN CHINA**

March 17th a cable reached us from Shanghai saying this committee is formed and consists of the following: Hon. H. H. Kung, Secretary of Commerce and Agriculture under the Nationalist Government; Mr. Pau, one of the owners of the Commercial Press; Mrs. P. W. Kuo, noted children's worker, Nanking; Mrs. H. C. Mei, a leader of woman's work in new China; K. T. Chung, national Christian leader, and Dr. Frank Rawlinson, editor of Chinese Recorder and China Year Book. These are outstanding leaders in the political, educational and religious life of China.

In the cable they said, we must cooperate fully, greatly appreciate the work of our Association in North America. Dr. A. J. Fisher, our general secretary, is now in China working with these leaders, seeking to coordinate all work for dependent children and complete the permanent plans for developing these homes at strategic points all over China.

## **OUR PRESENT PLANS**

Save as many of the starving children as possible during the unprecedented distress due to famine and general chaos. The children suffer first and their suffering is the most distressing. A German missionary in Shantung province gives this sad picture when the men go away and seek food, "the wives and children remain to bear the pangs of hopeless misery and want. Want and suffering are stamped on their emaciated faces, while they carry in their arms or clinging to their rags are weeping little ones. The misery and wretchedness of the famished in our locality are such to cause the hardest heart to bleed."

Rescue as many of these little ones as possible, but in giving temporary relief work out a permanent program to handle the whole question of dependent childhood in keeping with present conditions and future needs. This question vitally affects all our efforts to help China. In an address about our work:



*Girls rescued from famine, now in The Taianfu Home, Shantung Province.*



"Something is required at a time when many Christian institutions are closed or limping feebly to show that America has not lost faith in China. At a time like this, above all others, it is fitting that work for the little child should lead us all back to fuller cooperation and to a resumption of friendly Christian work with our Chinese friends."—Dr. Edward H. Hume, formerly President of Yale in China, now director of the New York Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital. Many leaders in China also realize this.



*"Suffer them to come unto Me, of such is the Kingdom." Chinese boy. Millions facing starvation.*

## THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA HELPING TO SAVE THE CHILDREN OF CHINA

The terrible distress of millions of children facing starvation in China makes a mighty appeal to the children of America. Many are using this distress to deepen the interest and sympathy in our country in the children of other lands showing them that we cannot afford to enjoy the abundance in our land and permit millions of innocent children to die because we do not divide with them. Rescuing the children of China can be made a great blessing to our children and country.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERS REALIZE THIS

Dr. W. O. Thomas, President of the World Federation of Educational Associations: "Perhaps the greatest task which lies ahead of the school in all lands is that of lending its energies toward the creation of a new order of international friendship, justice and good will. Upon the public system of education of each state or nation rests the responsibility of enlarging the national conceptions, promoting the ideal of the Golden Rule among the nations of the earth, and of developing a world consciousness."

The present situation in China gives us the greatest opportunity to do this kind of work among the children of America we have had for many years. If the educational leaders realize this and urge it for the public and private schools, how much more should our religious leaders urge it for the church schools, young people's meetings, various children's organizations and in our blest and happy homes.

## INTERESTING RESULTS WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS

Dr. Lee, State Superintendent of Schools in Missouri, writes to his county and city superintendents: "It is my wish, and I am sure it is yours, that the boys and girls of our great state do their part in this emergency in a worthy manner. Please act as promptly as possible that relief may come with no unnecessary delay."

One county in this state, Lexington, where there is no large city, has already sent us \$300. The children of Lincoln School, Teachers College Columbia University, debated the question whether they would help the children of China this year or Hampton Institute as formerly. After a full discussion a majority of twelve voted to send all their gifts to save the starving children of China, but since the vote was so close, they finally decided to send half to China and half to Hampton. This is a fine spirit of helping others as well as ourselves. They have already sent us \$150.



*Children in St. Luke's Convalescent Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, who voted to send all their gifts (\$30) to save the starving children in China.*

## THE FINEST SPIRIT OF ALL

In a letter just received we have this fine news:

"The children of St. Luke's Convalescent Hospital in Cleveland have been much interested in the work for the children of China.

"The check (for \$30) includes the contents of their missionary bank plus their Sunday-school collections which have usually been used for work in the homeland, but they voted to send it *all* to the children who are suffering. I had no voice in the matter.

"Even though every one of our boys and girls have decided physical handicaps, I am eager that they may learn to think of others beside their own circle and race."—Maude R. Goodman.

If such a spirit dominated the children of America, our future would be assured—we would make the largest possible contribution for good to the nations. Give the boys and girls a chance for their sake to help save the children of China in this terrible crisis of the nation's history.

Children are taught most effectively by the examples of their parents, teachers and friends. We should lead in the work of relief.

## PROGRAM OF RELIEF

Raise one million dollars to help save the starving children by supporting them in a Christian Home or center until a real home is found for them or they are prepared for life's responsibility. To feed, clothe, house, and teach useful trades costs for each child \$5 a little more than a month, \$50 for the year and \$500 equips one for life's duties.



*John Pau started in a Kwang Tung Home. He gives promise of a life of great usefulness in new China.*

Besides supporting these homeless little ones we must have buildings or homes in which they live and receive their training, model Christian centers where we can use the best methods for their all rounded development. We want to build as soon as possible at well located centers throughout China ten of these models. To buy adequate lands, put up the needed buildings and equip them, \$100,000 is needed for each complete center. One million dollars for ten. Memorial rooms cost \$250, \$500 and \$1,000; buildings cost \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000. What better memorial could we have?

## AN EARNEST REQUEST

We employ only a few helpers and seeking to raise their expense by special gifts so that all the regular gifts will go to save these little ones. We want volunteer helpers who will tell others about the starving millions. Read this bulletin and pass it to others.

Also we have an elephant bank you can use to collect funds to send to these children. Encourage the children and adults to sacrifice and come to the rescue of China's suffering children and helpless—give up a movie, package of gum, etc., and send this to China. Many, many children can be saved by doing this and we will be helped by the self-denial.

If you can use the elephant bank write us. Follow the noble example of Mrs. Montgomery: "I think the idea of the elephant admirable and I will distribute a number of them in our Sunday-school. I will certainly use it."—Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery, Rochester, N. Y.

Send us the names of friends who would want to help if they only knew. Write for all literature you can helpfully use. Gifts may be sent to W. Albert Harbison, treasurer, or to Association for the Welfare of the Children of China, Inc., 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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